

Message

From: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/23/2019 3:52:53 PM
To: Meyer, John [Meyer.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Thanks - Re: Approved statement for 9/22 - San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site

On Sep 23, 2019, at 10:28 AM, Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 4:38 PM

To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>; Price, Lisa <Price.Lisa@epa.gov>; Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Joseph <Hubbard.Joseph@epa.gov>; Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>; Martindale, Cary <martindale.cary@epa.gov>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>; Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov>; Carroll, Craig <Carroll.Craig@epa.gov>
Cc: McAtee, Jeffrey <McAtee.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>; Chiang, I-Jung <chiang.i-jung@epa.gov>; Taheri, Diane <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>
Subject: Approved statement for 9/22 - San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site

September 22, 2019, 3 pm

EPA continues to coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard Incident Command responsible for the removal of a barge that became grounded on the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site cap on September 20 due to Tropical Storm Imelda. The U.S. Coast Guard is overseeing the removal of the barge's contents, approximately 11,000 barrels of lube oil, and transport of the barge once it floats free. These action are expected to be complete today. The response teams have collected surface water samples near the barge, and the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site responsible parties, International Paper and MIMC, will evaluate the cap once the barge is removed. The Superfund site responsible parties expect to conduct a bathymetric survey of the underwater cap on Monday and begin rock placement if needed.

During the storm, work to secure the site was interrupted by rapidly rising water, which forced the evacuation of the Superfund site responsible parties' contractor personnel. The contractor was able to remove all drums containing investigation-derived waste and move them to a secure location but was unable to remove two of the three frac tanks, each of which contains approximately 13,000 gallon of water generated for treatability testing. Several pieces of equipment also could not be removed from the site, including two excavators, one skid steer, an office trailer, and an on-site security camera. Contractor personnel will assess the tanks and equipment once they are able to return to that portion of the site.

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Message

From: Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/22/2019 2:48:42 PM
To: Meyer, John [Meyer.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA oversight Monday

Thanks for the update. Forwarded the message to David.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2019, at 9:47 AM, Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Lisa,

Gary will travel down to the site tomorrow morning in anticipation of work beginning to restore the cover at the Site. We continue to have constant communication today with USCG and the San Jacinto PRP representative remaining at the command post.

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Message

From: Nicholas "Cole" Tinsley [ntinsley@cteh.com]
Sent: 9/23/2019 3:48:42 PM
To: Meyer, John [Meyer.John@epa.gov]
CC: Patrick Kerzic [pkerzic@cteh.com]
Subject: RE: Barge location/Superfund Site
Attachments: San Jacinto Fleet Incident Water SAP v1.4.pdf

John,

I Cc'd the project technical director for quality assurance or any more technical questions that may be out of my scope.

Regards,

Cole Tinsley, EIT
Project Manager, Toxicology and Emergency Response Program
CTEH, LLC

From: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 8:59 AM
To: Nicholas "Cole" Tinsley <ntinsley@cteh.com>
Subject: RE: Barge location/Superfund Site

Cole, can you provide the final sampling plan used for the barge response? Thanks.

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From: Meyer, John
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 11:19 AM
To: ntinsley@cteh.com
Subject: Barge location/Superfund Site

For consideration in preparation of SAP.

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From: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 7:56 AM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IMG_0107.jpeg

Here is what GHD plotted for the barge location

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Charles.Munce@ghd.com" <Charles.Munce@ghd.com>
Date: September 21, 2019 at 7:50:14 AM CDT
To: "Baumgarten, Gary" <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Cc: Philip J Slowiak <Philip.Slowiak@ipaper.com>, "Armour, Judy" <jarmour@wm.com>, "Janie.Smith@ghd.com" <Janie.Smith@ghd.com>
Subject: RE: IMG_0107.jpeg

Gary – See the attached figure. We put this together real quickly last night using the coast guard coordinates.

I will also send you a couple drone photos from yesterday.

Thanks
Charles

Charles W. Munce, PE | GHD | (225) 773-5770

From: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2019 7:16 AM
To: Charles Munce <Charles.Munce@ghd.com>
Subject: Re: IMG_0107.jpeg

Charles
Did you all get a chance to plot up the location points? Just want to verify the figure I sent you yesterday
Also, was your drone pilot able to fly yesterday?
Also, it looks like John Meyer will be heading down to the command post today.
I'll be at a conference from 8 til noon today.
Gary

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 20, 2019, at 5:49 PM, "Charles.Munce@ghd.com" <Charles.Munce@ghd.com> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: MSTC Shaun Corrigan <uscgenvironmentalresponse@gmail.com>
Date: September 20, 2019 at 5:39:53 PM CDT
To: "Charles.Munce@ghd.com" <Charles.Munce@ghd.com>
Subject: Re: IMG_0107.jpeg

Message

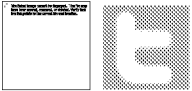
From: Monica Harris [monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov]
Sent: 9/23/2019 3:44:46 PM
To: Meyer, John [Meyer.John@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Coast Guard press - San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Thanks!

From: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Monica Harris <monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Coast Guard press - San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site

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Message

From: Jackie Young [jyoung@txhea.org]
Sent: 6/27/2019 1:25:33 PM
To: Meyer, John [Meyer.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Emergency- 18 wheeler in San Jac

Thank you

On Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 8:20 AM Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov> wrote:

As a quick update, we are coordinating with the emergency responders to make sure they are aware of the NPL site and take appropriate precautions. Divers deployed to search will be decontaminated after exiting the water.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2019, at 7:52 AM, Owens, Rock (CAO) <Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net> wrote:

John,

Please keep Harris County in the loop, especially Dr. Lattice Babin at Pollution Control Services. She is copied on this email.

Thanks
Rock Owens

Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone

On Jun 27, 2019 7:17 AM, "Meyer, John" <Meyer.John@epa.gov> wrote:
Thank you for the notice. We are following up and will advise.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2019, at 7:00 AM, Jackie Young <jyoung@txhea.org> wrote:

Please advise what coordination is going on here.

<https://abc13.com/live-big-rig-crashes-off-i-10-e-bridge-into-san-jacinto-river-5367384/>

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Sent: 8/28/2019 4:17:02 PM
To: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]; Stenger, Wren [stenger.wren@epa.gov]; Nfodzo, Prince [Nfodzo.Prince@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Itinerary for San Jacinto on 9/9 SFTF

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Sent: 8/29/2019 1:09:19 PM
To: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]; Stenger, Wren [stenger.wren@epa.gov]; Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]
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Darrin,

After talking more with the RPM, we may want to suggest a 10am start so we don't have to travel down on a Sunday. Thanks

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Thanks. Let me talk to the front office about it and circle back with you.

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Sent: 8/27/2019 7:57:18 PM
To: Stenger, Wren [stenger.wren@epa.gov]; Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - Final Treatability Study Work Plan
Attachments: SJRWP Final Treatability Study Approval with Conditions 8-27-2019.pdf

Wren,
Gary B. approved the Treatability Study work plan with conditions this afternoon.

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From: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 2:44 PM
To: Katie Delbecq <Katie.Delbecq@tceq.texas.gov>; Satya Dwivedula (Satya.Dwivedula@tceq.texas.gov) <Satya.Dwivedula@tceq.texas.gov>; latrice.babin@pcs.hctx.net; Trae Camble (tcamble@poha.com) <tcamble@poha.com>; Gustavson, Karl <Gustavson.Karl@epa.gov>; Paul R Schroeder (Paul.R.Schroeder@erdc.dren.mil) <Paul.R.Schroeder@erdc.dren.mil>; Howard, Ashley <Howard.Ashley@epa.gov>
Cc: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>; Villarreal, Chris <villarreal.chris@epa.gov>; Monica Harris (monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov) <monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - Final Treatability Study Work Plan

Good afternoon,
Attached is a letter I sent to GHD this afternoon approving the Final Treatability Study Work Plan.

Gary

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Sent: 9/5/2019 9:00:06 PM
To: Stenger, Wren [stenger.wren@epa.gov]; Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - PRESS CONFERENCE

FYI. Harris County Attorney office is requesting attendance at the press conference.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Baumgarten, Gary" <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Date: September 5, 2019 at 3:36:04 PM CDT
To: "Meyer, John" <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - PRESS CONFERENCE

Not sure if you saw this

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Owens, Rock (CAO)" <Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net>
Date: September 5, 2019 at 3:18:56 PM CDT
To: "Coats, Janetta" <coats.janetta@epa.gov>
Cc: "Baumgarten, Gary" <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>, "Utley, Sarah (CAO)" <Sarah.Utley@cao.hctx.net>, "Babin, Latrice (PCS)" <Latrice.Babin@pcs.hctx.net>, "Mueller, Stuart (PCS)" <Stuart.Mueller@pcs.hctx.net>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - PRESS CONFERENCE

Hi Janetta,

We just received news of a press conference schedule for Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Waste Pits by EPA and the TCEQ where an "...important announcement regarding the Superfund Task Force and the steps taken to accelerate remediation, revitalize communities, and effectively engage stakeholders..." will be made.

This is the first we've heard of the announcement or the press conference and it the news came through to us through the County Attorney's consultant- Parson. As you know this site is of particular interest to Mr. Ryan and his office. He has donated considerable staff time and resources to working with EPA on the clean-up and we have spent a good deal of time reviewing and commenting on site plans as part of the Technical Review Team. Mr. Ryan or his representative would appreciate an opportunity to be present if possible. Could you please give us some details.

Best wishes!

Rock Owens
Special Assistant County Attorney
Environmental Affairs

Harris County Attorney
1019 Congress, 15th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002
713-274-5121

From: US EPA <noreply-subscriptions@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2019 2:15 PM
To: Palachek, Randy M <Randy.M.Palachek@parsons.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EPA to Hold Press Conference at San Jacinto Cleanup Site
Highlighting Superfund Task Force Results



EPA to Hold Press Conference at San Jacinto Cleanup Site
Highlighting Superfund Task Force Results

(Channelview, Texas – Sept. 5, 2019) On Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be joined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as the agency makes an important announcement regarding the Superfund Task Force and the steps taken to accelerate remediation, revitalize communities, and effectively engage stakeholders. EPA and TCEQ will hold a press conference at the San Jacinto Superfund Site, 18001 East Freeway, Channelview, Texas 77530.

WHO: EPA Regional Administrator Ken McQueen

EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator Steven Cook

TCEQ Executive Director Toby Baker

WHAT: EPA Superfund Task Force Announcement

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 9, 2019

10:30 a.m. CDT

WHERE: San Jacinto Superfund Site

18001 East Fwy

Channelview, TX 77530

Credentialed media: please RSVP to r6press@epa.gov.

From: Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Jackie Young <jyoung@txhea.org>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; Atkins, Blake <Atkins.Blake@epa.gov>; Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>; Bob Stokes <bstokes@galvbay.org>; Bojes, Heidi <Heidi.Bojes@dshs.texas.gov>; Bokun, Lisa <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>; Crystal Taylor <crystal.taylor@tceq.texas.gov>; Darbonne, Jacque (Commissioner Precinct 2) <Jacque.Darbonne@pct2.hctx.net>; Foster, Anne <Foster.Anne@epa.gov>; Knowles, Gretchen (Commissioner Precinct 2) <Gretchen.Knowles@pct2.hctx.net>; Hall, Emily (DSHS) <Emily.Hall@dshs.texas.gov>; Katie Delbecq <Katie.Delbecq@tceq.texas.gov>; Keith, David <dkeith@anchoragea.com>; Ken Haldin <kchaldin@comcast.net>; Lisa Gossett <lisa.gossett@sbcglobal.net>; Owens, Rock (CAO) <Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net>; Paul R Schroeder <Paul.R.Schroeder@erdc.dren.mil>; Philip Slowiak <Philip.Slowiak@ipaper.com>; RCantu@lonestarlegal.org; Utley, Sarah (CAO) <Sarah.Utley@cao.hctx.net>; Satya Dwivedula <satya.dwivedula@tceq.texas.gov>; O'Rourke, Terence (CAO) <Terence.O'Rourke@cao.hctx.net>; Turner, Philip <Turner.Philip@epa.gov>; dmoreira@wm.com; herman.sanders@hcpid.org; Babin, Latrice (PCS) <Latrice.Babin@pcs.hctx.net>; lhenry@poah.com; loberlin@poha.com; sjones@galvbay.org; tcamble@poha.com
Subject: [Bulk DKIM] RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - Checking Availability Harris County Conf. Room CAC Sept. 10, 2019

Ooopssss

Hold On

Checking availability Harris County conference room CAC September 10, 2019.

September 23, 2019 NOT GOOD FOR CAC.

Community Meeting Confirmed: September 24, 2019

Thanks,

Janetta!

From: Jackie Young <jyoung@txhea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; Atkins, Blake <Atkins.Blake@epa.gov>; Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>; Bob Stokes <bstokes@galvbay.org>; Bojes, Heidi <Heidi.Bojes@dshs.texas.gov>; Bokun, Lisa <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>; Crystal Taylor <crystal.taylor@tceq.texas.gov>; Darbonne, Jacque (Commissioner Precinct 2 <Jacque.Darbonne@pct2.hctx.net>; Foster, Anne <Foster.Anne@epa.gov>; Gretchen Knowles <Gretchen.knowles@pct2.hctx.net>; Hall, Emily (DSHS) <Emily.Hall@dshs.texas.gov>; Katie Delbecq <Katie.Delbecq@tceq.texas.gov>; Keith, David <dkeith@anchorage.com>; Ken Haldin <kchaldin@comcast.net>; Lisa Gossett <lisa.gossett@sbcglobal.net>; Owens, Rock (CAO <Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net>; Paul R Schroeder <Paul.R.Schroeder@erdc.dren.mil>; Philip Slowiak <Philip.Slowiak@ipaper.com>; RCantu@lonestarlegal.org; Sarah Utley <Sarah.Utley@cao.hctx.net>; Satya Dwivedula <satya.dwivedula@tceq.texas.gov>; Terence O'Rourke <Terence.ORourke@cao.hctx.net>; Turner, Philip <Turner.Philip@epa.gov>; dmoreira@wm.com; herman.sanders@hcpid.org; latrice.babin@pcs.hctx.net; lhenry@poah.com; loberlin@poha.com; sjones@galvbay.org; tcamble@poha.com
Subject: Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - CAC Meeting 9.23.2019

Janetta,

Can you please confirm the date of the CAC meeting?
Just want to make sure I understand correct- CAC meeting in August and public meeting in September?

Thank you,
Jackie

On Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 12:01 PM Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

CAC meeting scheduled August 23, 2019. Discussions include site status and cap inspection.

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS
Harris County John Phelps Courthouse Annex 4
Conference Room
101 S. Richey, Suite H
Pasadena, Texas 77506
2pm until 3pm
September 23, 2019

Community meeting 9.24.2019. at the Highlands Community Center.

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: The Highlands Community Center

604 Highland Woods Drive Highlands, Texas 77562

Thanks,

Janetta Coats

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Please let me know how I can help.

Thank you,

Arturo

From: Owens, Rock (CAO) <Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net>

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 1:57 PM

To: Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>

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Rock

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To: arturoblanco@epa.gov

Cc:

Arturo

Good to hear from you and I do appreciate your presentation at our seminar last week.

I'm out of the office today and I'm forwarding the email below to you after getting your call. Sorry, I should have copied you. I'll call you back tomorrow.

Thanks for all your help!

Rock Owens

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Gary & John,

On September 30, 2019 I sent you an email in response to the latest update we received from EPA about the barge strike(s) during TS Imelda (see below). I could not find a response in my files. Perhaps I overlooked it. In our email we proposed some measures that could be taken to reduce potential releases of dioxin due to barge strikes. Can you please tell us where is the EPA on resolving this issue?

In addition, the fact that the RPs contractor could not remove all of its equipment when the flood waters from TS Imelda hit the site, is further support of our contention that this site is especially vulnerable and that EPA should require full-time, independent, third-party oversight at all times but especially once the removal phase begins.

We look forward to hearing from the EPA about these barge and oversight issues.

Regards,



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Importance: High

Gary,

Thank you for the update. In addition to the barge that grounded on the capped waste pits, there were eight other un-moored barges that may have traversed the waste pits on their route to the IH-10 bridge and downstream. We do not know if these barges caused damage to the cap and, unless a bathymetric survey and probing is extended to all of the areas that were submerged during the recent flood, we will not know if those barges impacted the site. Thus, unless

the EPA is willing to go in the record and state unequivocally that the other barges could not have crossed any portion of the site that was submerged during the flooding caused by TS Imelda, the entire temporary cap should be inspected by sonar and physical probing for potential damage; not just the immediate area where the grounded barge impacted.

In addition, during the remedy selection process, Alternatives 3N and 4N of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan included a protective perimeter barrier with construction of a 5-foot high submerged rock berm outside the cap, and alternative 3aN included pre-stressed concrete or concrete-filled steel pipe pilings placed 30 feet apart around the perimeter. This protection was not included in the selected remedy because the principal threat waste will be removed; however this protection should be added immediately to protect the waste pits until removal action is complete. It is also vital to add this protection immediately to protect the cofferdam during construction from barge strikes when wastes behind cofferdams could be released if they are breached. The lack of this requirement for the next 4 – 5 years is unacceptable.

The Harris County Attorney believes protection could include:

- Semi-permanent concrete or concrete-filled steel pipe pilings or movable obstructions (e.g., tetrahedra) placed around areas where active remediation is occurring;
- Enhanced mooring facilities and procedures for barges in the San Jacinto River; and
- Re-locating barges to downstream moorings when there is potential for flood releases from Lake Houston.

In their response to comments to the ROD, EPA opined that it does not have regulatory control over barges in the San Jacinto River. The EPA however controls the site and must insure its protection. If the barge operators are not forthcoming with a plan to achieve the required protection at the Site until the remediation is complete, it is incumbent that the EPA require the PRPs provide the required physical protection. This issue must be addressed and work on a protection system should commence immediately before the site is exposed to additional risk.

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Let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

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From: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 10:00 AM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Itinerary for San Jacinto SFTF press conf. on 9/9

John – attached is a map with locations for activities on 9/9/19
Gary

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Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>; Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>
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Great! Is there a good address? I know the address we had back during Harvey took us on a bit of a ride 😊

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Erin,
Gary Baumgarten will be on the 7:30am flt. This should leave enough time to get car and drive to the site. He will cover for Superfund.

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Which flight are y'all taking on Monday? The SW at 730 or 8? Need to book Ken's (I'll already be there).

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Darrin,

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For the PRPs, International Paper and MIMC (subsidiary of Waste Management), they have not participated in past events but we can contact them on Tuesday and ask. We will need to give them notice regardless to arrange for access and clear the area for the event. We can provide contact information also if you would like to work directly with them.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2019, at 4:41 PM, Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov> wrote:

Here's the draft itinerary for the event. Based on John's note re: needing to start at 10 am to allow for same-day flights, we moved the start time to 10 am.

Wren/John: can you let us know who will be attending from Superfund? Should we invite any of the PRPs to speak or be present?

Erin confirmed that Toby Baker will be joining Steven Cook and Ken. We plan to invite Cornyn and Cruz's office, as well as Babin and Weber.

San Jacinto Superfund Site – SFTF Press Conference

- 10:00 am – Arrive at the Site
- 10:00 am to 10:15 am – Observe ongoing field work at site from an area outside the restricted zone. Update by RPM on status/purpose of work at the site.
- 10:30 am to 10:45 am – Conduct press conference.
- 10:45 am to 11:00 am – Meet with citizen representatives (Jackie Young (THEA), Scott Jones (Galveston Bay Foundation))
- 11:00 am – leave the site

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Sent: 8/20/2019 9:19:39 PM
To: Chancellor, Erin [chancellor.erin@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: SJWP
Attachments: RA Briefing 081319.docx

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***PLEASE NOTE:** For ease of file transfer, the lib file folder is in a zip format. The receiving staff would need to right click on the zip folder and extract the files within.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Take care!

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Subject: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)
Importance: High

Good afternoon!

GAO released their draft report ***Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change*** (GAO-19-632) for EPA review and comment. The GAO team conducted their work under engagement code 102765.

There are four recommendations for EPA (three for OLEM and one for OA.) OLEM will serve as the lead for providing a response to this draft report. By tomorrow and once I've had a chance to speak with the OLEM SME, I will send out another email which outlines the schedule for receiving input from your offices. Thank you!

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Sent: 9/21/2019 11:56:36 PM
To: Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]; Stenger, Wren [stenger.wren@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - September 21, 2019 update on site activities due to tropical depression Imelda

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Good afternoon,

EPA has integrated with the US Coast Guard Incident Command that is responsible for the removal of the barge that is grounded on the armored cover system at the San Jacinto Superfund Site. The initial objective of ensuring no actions are taken without full consideration of the impacts to the Site has been achieved and EPA and the San Jacinto Site responsible parties have been directly involved in the planning operations with the Coast Guard and the barge owners for the removal of the grounded barge.

The timing of the next steps has not been finalized but is expected to generally proceed in the following manner. Surface water samples will be collected prior to removal of the barge. The cargo on the barge, lube oil, will be off-loaded to another vessel in order to allow the barge to float and be towed away from the site. Another round of surface water samples will be collected. At this time the lead will switch to EPA for restoration of the cover system. The responsible parties are prepared to conduct a survey of the impacted area to determine if additional cover stone is required. If needed, stone is staged and ready for placement. Based on the attached photo, the frac tanks and equipment left on site appear to not have not been impacted by the flood waters.

Gary



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Subject: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)
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Message

From: Meyer, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CC11A018E1964F86826653E91EAA6989-MEYER, JOHN]
Sent: 10/2/2019 7:05:16 PM
To: Hah, Josephine [Hah.Josephine@epa.gov]
CC: Thornton, Kecia [Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)

EPA supplied the statement to media outlets that asked for a status and it was also sent to the San Jacinto Community Advisory Committee as part of our outreach during the event.

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From: Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Cc: Thornton, Kecia <Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)

John –

Could you please confirm that the below agency statement was a public statement?

Josephine Hah, CPA | Accountant | Finance Operations Section | Missison Support Division | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 | 📞: 214-665-9780 | ✉: Hah.Josephine@epa.gov

From: Thornton, Kecia <Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)

Good morning, Josephine!!

Hope you are doing well. Thank you so much again for your help with providing information to GAO's request for information. Can you confirm that the agency statement below was a public statement? Thank you again.

Kecia Thornton
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On Sep 30, 2019, at 1:34 PM, Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kecia – please see John Meyer’s message below regarding the San Jacinto site.

From: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:04 PM

To: Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>; Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)

Josephine,

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September 20, 2019, 1:00 pm

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From: Thornton, Kecia <Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)
Importance: High

Hello Josephine!

I hope you've had a wonderful Friday. I received a call from GAO today with a question related to the Superfund and Climate Change audit. The auditor said that during this review, they toured a site in Region 6 (San Jacinto River Waste Pit). She is curious to know if there is any updated information the agency might have on the recent storm's impact to the site. I hope I am communicating this correctly. Please let me know if you wish to discuss or if you prefer I ask the GAO auditor to contact you directly. As always, thank you very much for your help!

Kecia
OLEM AFC
(202) 566-1913

From: Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Pachon, Carlos <Pachon.Carlos@epa.gov>
Cc: Thornton, Kecia <Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>; Ginsburg, Daniel <ginsburg.daniel@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)
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Region 6 has no comments on the subject report.

Thanks!

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From: Thornton, Kecia <Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 1:47 PM
To: Regional AFC List <Regional_AFC_List@epa.gov>
Cc: Miles-McClean, Stuart <Miles-McClean.Stuart@epa.gov>; Ginsburg, Daniel <ginsburg.daniel@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>; Manges, Ellen <Manges.Ellen@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft GAO report for EPA review and comments - Superfund: EPA Should Take Additional Actions to Manage Risks from Climate Change (102765)
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Sent: 9/22/2019 2:47:14 PM
To: Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA oversight Monday

Lisa,
Gary will travel down to the site tomorrow morning in anticipation of work beginning to restore the cover at the Site. We continue to have constant communication today with USCG and the San Jacinto PRP representative remaining at the command post.

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Sent: 9/25/2019 2:24:07 PM
To: Villarreal, Chris [villarreal.chris@epa.gov]; Delgado, Stephanie [delgado.stephanie@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: can you stick a small write-up in the Weekly on our weekend/resolution of San Jacinto issue, please

Please get this in the WAR this morning. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Baumgarten, Gary" <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Date: September 25, 2019 at 9:07:16 AM CDT
To: "Meyer, John" <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: can you stick a small write-up in the Weekly on our weekend/resolution of San Jacinto issue, please

John - Is this sufficient for the writeup Lisa is looking for?
Gary

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE – RESPONSE TO BARGE STRIKE OF CAP
On September 20, 2019, EPA was notified that numerous barges had been displaced from their dock facilities. On September 20, EPA became aware of a barge that became grounded on the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site cap. EPA coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard Incident Command responsible for the removal of the barge. The U.S. Coast Guard who was the Federal On Scene Coordinator for the barge releases on the San Jacinto River oversaw the removal of the barge's contents and transport of the barge off the Superfund site. Actions to remove the barge began on September 22, 2019 and were completed on September 23. The EPA Region 6 project manager traveled to the site on September 23 to evaluate the condition of the site following the barge strike. Contractors for the site responsible parties, International Paper and MIMC, continue to evaluate the cap to determine if any repairs are necessary.

From: Price, Lisa <Price.Lisa@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 8:37 AM
To: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>; Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: can you stick a small write-up in the Weekly on our weekend/resolution of San Jacinto issue, please

Lisa Marie Price
Deputy Director
Superfund and Emergency Management Division
US EPA Region 6
214 665 6744

Message

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Sent: 9/25/2019 5:47:46 PM
To: monica.harris (monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov) [monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov]
Subject: FW: Barge Collision at IH 10 & San Jacinto River

Fyi.

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From: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>; Foster, Anne <Foster.Anne@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Barge Collision at IH 10 & San Jacinto River

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Owens, Rock (CAO)" <Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net>
Date: September 25, 2019 at 12:37:38 PM CDT
To: "'Joseph.J.Hrametz@usace.army.mil'" <Joseph.J.Hrametz@usace.army.mil>, "Baumgarten, Gary" <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>
Cc: "'coats.janetta@epa.gov'" <coats.janetta@epa.gov>, "'jyoung@txhea.org'" <jyoung@txhea.org>, "'Timothy.R.Vail@usace.army.mil'" <Timothy.R.Vail@usace.army.mil>, "'Robert.W.Heinly@usace.army.mil'" <Robert.W.Heinly@usace.army.mil>, "'janet.t.botello@usace.army.mil'" <janet.t.botello@usace.army.mil>, "'Christopher.C.Frabotta@usace.army.mil'" <Christopher.C.Frabotta@usace.army.mil>, "'Tricia.C.Campbell@usace.army.mil'" <Tricia.C.Campbell@usace.army.mil>, "'sharon.tirpak@usace.army.mil'" <sharon.tirpak@usace.army.mil>, "'ceswg-pe-r@usace.army.mil'" <ceswg-pe-r@usace.army.mil>, "'jyoung@txhea.org'" <jyoung@txhea.org>, "'Scott Jones'" <siones@galvbay.org>, "Babin, Latrice (PCS)" <Latrice.Babin@pcs.hctx.net>, "Utley, Sarah (CAO)" <Sarah.Utley@cao.hctx.net>
Subject: Barge Collision at IH 10 & San Jacinto River

Colleagues;

Please be advised the Harris County Attorney's Office is conducting an investigation into the events surrounding the September 20, 2019 barge incident on the San Jacinto River at the Interstate Highway 10 Bridge near Channelview, Texas with respect to the possible violation or threatened

violation of Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code that occurred during Tropical Storm Imelda. Our office is authorized to enforce provisions of Chapter 26 relating to the unauthorized discharge or threatened discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State by Section 7.351 of the Texas Water Code.

As you may know, due to high water, a number of barges being operated and/or were moored on the San Jacinto River broke free on or about September 20, 2019 during TS Imelda. Several of the barges collided violently with the IH10 Bridge and the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. The force of the impacts severely damaged the bridge forcing its closure. At least one of the barges in question stranded on the Superfund site damaging or threatening to damage the containment structure and posing a threatened release of dioxin from the site. The extent of the damage to the Superfund Site and whether there has been an actual release of dioxin has yet to be substantiated however there is little doubt that, unless proactive measures are taken, the release of dioxin from the site, due to a barge strike, is inevitable.

There have been a number of incidents like the one described above in the past and the issue of barge strikes causing the release of dioxin was raised repeatedly during the comment period prior to the selection of a clean-up remedy for the Superfund Site. There is no question that the recent incident should have been anticipated. Under the circumstances this office is obligated to conduct an investigation into this matter to determine if violations of the law have been committed and, if necessary, to take legal action and to seek appropriate judicial orders to insure our community is protected from future incidents like this.

We really appreciate the free flow of information between our agencies. Protecting the health and safety of the public is our common concern and your cooperation and assistance with our investigation is essential. Please provide me with the name and contact information of someone we can work with at your respective agency to coordinate our efforts so that we may coordinate and conduct a thorough investigation.

Contact me at the number below or by email if you have any questions.

Regards,

Rock Owens
Special Assistant County Attorney
Environmental Affairs
Harris County Attorney
1019 Congress, 15th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002
713-274-5121

Message

From: Meyer, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CC11A018E1964F86826653E91EAA6989-MEYER, JOHN]
Sent: 10/3/2019 2:23:46 PM
To: Hah, Josephine [Hah.Josephine@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: your question for EPA's Region 6 on the San Jacinto site

We have confirmed that the armor cap is intact and stable following the barge grounding. Surface water samples collected during the event have not been received from the lab yet due to the long turn around times for dioxin analysis.

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From: Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: your question for EPA's Region 6 on the San Jacinto site

Good morning, John,

Please confirm GAO Ruth Solomon's question below.

Josephine Hah, CPA | Accountant | Finance Operations Section | Missions Support Division | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 | 📞: 214-665-9780 | ✉️: Hah.Josephine@epa.gov

From: Solomon, Ruth <SolomonR@gao.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Thornton, Kecia <Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>
Cc: Morant, Annette <Morant.Annette@epa.gov>; EPA-GAO-Liaison-Team <EPA-GAO-Liaison-Team@epa.gov>; Hah, Josephine <Hah.Josephine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: your question for EPA's Region 6 on the San Jacinto site

Thanks Kecia,

It sounds like there was no release from the site, right? Please confirm.

Best,

Ruth

From: Thornton, Kecia [<mailto:Thornton.Kecia@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Solomon, Ruth
Cc: Morant, Annette; EPA-GAO-Liaison-Team; Hah, Josephine
Subject: Re: your question for EPA's Region 6 on the San Jacinto site

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Good morning, Ruth,

I hope you are well. Per your request for information related to the San Jacinto site, please see response I received from EPA's Region 6 below. Thank you!

Kecia Thornton
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Sent: 9/25/2019 9:10:54 PM
To: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]; Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Is this what you want in the RA Update?

I am sure there is lots more that can go in here. Would you like this edited, and if so when do you need it?

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From: Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Price, Lisa <Price.Lisa@epa.gov>; Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Is this what you want in the RA Update?

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Sent: 9/25/2019 9:23:31 PM
To: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]; Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]
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Sent: 9/20/2019 4:25:49 PM
To: Woolford, James [Woolford.James@epa.gov]; Stalcup, Dana [Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]
CC: Price, Lisa [Price.Lisa@epa.gov]; Stenger, Wren [stenger.wren@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: SPOT Report for TS Imelda Impacts --- San Jacinto Superfund Site

Jim,

An evolving situation at the San Jacinto Site. It appears a barge is grounded on the armored cap at the NE corner of the site. We are coordinating with Coast Guard, the barge owner, and the PRPs for the recovery effort. Will share updates as the situation evolves.

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From: Carroll, Craig <Carroll.Craig@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 10:40 AM
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Cc: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>; Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>
Subject: SPOT Report for TS Imelda Impacts

In the early hours of 9/20/19, nine commercial barges broke loose on the San Jacinto River above the I-10 bridge due to flooding from Tropical Storm Imelda. Two barges struck and are wedged against the I-10 bridge. There are currently no reported releases from any of the nine barges. One barge under the bridge is reported to contain 17,000 barrels of monoethylene glycol and the other 10,000 barrels of naphtha. A third barge containing 10,000 barrels of lube oil is reportedly grounded on or adjacent to the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site. EPA Region 6 is coordinating with the Coast Guard to ensure the responsible party for the Superfund site is consulted before the grounded barge is moved in order to minimize damage to the site cap. Three other barges, each containing 10,000 barrels (2 with soybean oil and one with lube oil), are damaged but no releases have been detected. The remaining three barges are secured and stabilized.

Craig Carroll

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

Message

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Sent: 9/23/2019 12:28:06 AM
To: Wendell Mears [wmears@anchoragea.com]
Subject: Re: Situation Report 1830

Thanks Wendell.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2019, at 7:13 PM, Wendell Mears <wmears@anchoragea.com> wrote:

Apologize that I didn't reduce the size of the images in the 1500 Sit Report.

- Lightering began around 1600 hrs.
- I went to San Jac River Fleet dispatchers office and saw the operations from a distance
- Estimated lightering completion is 0200 tomorrow morning
- Due to falling water levels, the plan was amended again to remove the grounded barge as soon as it is emptied and afloat.
- The move will be to the San Jacinto River (east) and then to San Jac River Fleet. The 3 barges will be spudded down north of their docks in an open area.
 - Expect spud barge will be available by 0900 to 1100 hrs for inspection and planning for rock placement.
- Morning UC and IC meetings at 0800 tomorrow morning at the Holiday Inn; I will attend.
- Our surveyor will launch and be on site between 0900 and 0930. First order of business is the impacted area and to the west.
- USA Environment Superintendent will meet me at San Jac River Fleet between 0900 and 0930 to pick load out spot for excavator and laydown for rock
 - Will inspect spud barge and determine safe way to load excavator before water levels change significantly.
- Will inspect access road again before rock transfer from Blue Bonnet begins.
- Coordinated with Blue Bonnet folks, Drew Shafer to get access tomorrow afternoon to move rock
- Arranged exit from Monmouth Drive exit for rock trucks and equipment instead of reroute through River Terrace neighborhood
- Still planning to place rock on Tuesday pending successful mobilization and loading on Monday.

The fleet dispatcher will notify us when the lightering and barge movements are completed in the overnight hours so we can adjust schedules.

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From: Wendell Mears

Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 3:15 PM

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Subject: RE: Situation Report 1500

SitRep 1600 hrs

Go see the drone videos at this site www.sanjacriverresponse.com

Live shots from IC drone shows lightering assembly and preparations.

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Subject: RE: Situation Report 1400

SitRep 1400 hrs

The receiving barge was delayed but is one site. They are prepping the grounded barge and receiving barge.

Photos from the site show that the access road is clear from the fence to the site. Still have water over the road near the San Jac Fleeting area.

We have a 1500 briefing in the ICC

Highlights of the planned work for the remainder of the day.

- Complete final lightering and vessel movement plan; that meeting is starting in a few minutes.
- Deploy boom around the lightering operation
- Start lightering by 1500 to 1530 hrs.
- Estimated lightering time 6-8 hours; lightering will continue into the night; no vessels moved after sunset

Early morning Monday plans

- Move barges away from the Site
- Take spud barge to San Jac Fleeting service area and remove boom and prepare for equipment and rock
- Move rock to San Jac Fleet area
- Load barge is time permits in preparation for deployment on Tuesday.

I'm headed to the site after the 3 pm meeting to check the access road for rock trucks and equipment delivery. Will coordinate with surveyor and USA Env for arrival times, safety and security concerns. Have contacted fence contractor and will schedule inspection Monday afternoon.

Will update later in the evening.

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Subject: Situation Report 1145

The upstream spud barge (adjacent to the channel side of the Site) has been inspected, the spuds are functional. Pending delivery and approval of the amended lightering plan, they have positioned the barge along the San Jac river.

The larger 30,000 bbl receiving barge is underway and should arrive at 1300 hrs.

Goal is to remove as much product as possible from the grounded barge by sundown. Will only move barges during daylight hours, late today or more likely early tomorrow.

TxDOT has dive team on site to inspect the bridge, so limited traffic allowed under the bridge.

Regards,

Wendell

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Sent: 9/23/2019 3:43:48 PM
To: monica.harris (monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov) [monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov]
Subject: Coast Guard press - San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site

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Note the Unified Command issued a press release this morning. <https://sanjacriverresponse.com/category/press-releases/>

Unified Command Confirms Successful Lightering and Transport Operations

In the final phase of the San Jacinto fleet incident response, members of the unified command have completed successful lightering and transport operations of barge CBC 1407, which had landed at an existing Superfund site after a barge breakaway from a fleet on September 20.

"This team has demonstrated expert professionalism and collaboration in working to safely remove the barges that were lodged under the I10 bridge, protecting the integrity of the bridge, and effectively lightering and transporting this barge while ensuring the safety of responders and the public at large and protecting the environment" said Lt. Cmdr. Tim Tilghman, Federal On Scene Coordinator for the Unified Command.

Lt. Cmdr. Tilghman continued: "Clearly, this operation will not be over until the waterway is fully cleared, the bridge is restored and I10 is fully operational, but we are on our way to securing that outcome."

The San Jacinto fleet incident Joint Information Center is being disbanded at this time. Future inquiries regarding the waterway can be made of the U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs attachment, Texas at

281-464-4985, as they will continue to monitor port and waterway operations; Bridge and roadway related questions may be directed to the Texas DOT at: (281) 464-5500. Inquiries of a general nature may be made of Virginia Miller at 504-453-4874.

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Sent: 9/20/2019 8:20:09 PM
To: Carroll, Craig [Carroll.Craig@epa.gov]
Subject: San Jac update

EPA Remedial Program is facilitating the coordination among the U.S. Coast Guard, the barge owners, and the San Jacinto PRPs for the assessment of the impact and removal of the barge from the Site. If cap repairs are required, the San Jacinto PRPs are prepared to place additional rock.

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Sent: 9/23/2019 4:32:13 PM
To: Coats, Janetta [coats.janetta@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA meeting

Gary and I will discuss at tomorrow's meeting. The US Coast Guard is in charge of the barge removal, not the USACE, but in either case they will not be in attendance. Gary and I are fully involved in the effort and can discuss.

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From: Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA meeting

Good morning,

Fyi:

From: Rodrigo Cantu <RCantu@lonestarlegal.org>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Bader, Brian J CIV USARMY CESWG (US) <Brian.J.Bader@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Jackie Young <jyoung@txhea.org>; Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>; Coats, Janetta <coats.janetta@epa.gov>; rock.owens@cao.hctx.net; Bob Stokes <bstokes@galvbay.org>; sjones@galvbay.org
Subject: EPA meeting

Good Morning Mr. Bader,

I am emailing you regarding the latest incident at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits and to see if you or a member of your team is planning on being present at tomorrow's EPA Community Meeting taking place in Highlands.

As you'll recall, barge collisions at the site is one of the principal concerns of not only the client I represent but also the community she resides in as well as other communities all along the San Jacinto River. The EPA has already released information stating that it will be addressing the collision from Friday in addition to the general progress of inspections and cleanup at the Superfund site, as it had always planned on doing. I think the USACE having a representative at tomorrow's meeting would be incredibly helpful as they'd be able to answer questions that the EPA may not be equipped to answer, especially given that the USACE is spearheading the removal of the grounded barge.

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Highlands Community Center
604 Highland Woods Drive
Highlands, Texas 77562

Please let me know.

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Sent: 9/20/2019 8:54:29 PM
To: Monica Harris [monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov]
Subject: RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - update on site activities due to tropical depression Imelda

It is the work barge that GHD spudded in place and left just outside the cap before they left the site. It has not moved.

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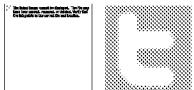
From: Monica Harris <monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - update on site activities due to tropical depression Imelda

Thanks John-what is the structure on the left in the first picture?

From: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Monica Harris <monica.harris@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - update on site activities due to tropical depression Imelda

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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 2:29 PM
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Subject: RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - update on site activities due to tropical depression Imelda

Good afternoon,

I just sent folks an official statement from EPA Region 6 regarding the barges that got loose along the San Jacinto River. As you can imagine there are a lot of people involved in addressing the impact from the barges getting loose.

Here is some additional information I want to share with you all.

- The Coast Guard is the official On Scene Coordinator (OSC) for this event and EPA is coordinating with the Coast Guard.
- As noted in the official statement, EPA Region 6 is coordinating with the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure the responsible party for the Superfund site is consulted before the barge that is grounded in the northeast area of the site is moved in order to minimize any damage to the site's armored cap.
- I have not received any information about when the barges will be moved.

Attached are some pictures from today that give a good idea of conditions at the site.

The picture (ABC 13) is a picture that was grabbed from the internet from the ABC 13 station.

The picture (Site Picture 1 9-20-2019) is a view looking east from the entrance to the site. You can see the frac tank to the left, the central berm and a barge in the background.

The picture (Site Picture 1 clip) was a photo I grabbed from the internet. It gives a good shot looking north of the I-10

The last picture (Site Picture 2 9-20-2019) is a shot looking northwest and shows the water level around one of the frac tanks.

Finally, here are answers to Jackie's questions from yesterday:

- GHD personnel made sure that all the valves and hatches on both frac tanks were securely closed.
- The water sample from the frac tanks was taken as part of our original treatability study plan.
- The transducer was previously installed at the beginning of the PDI-2 fieldwork.

Gary

From: Jackie Young <jyoung@txhea.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 5:45 PM

To: Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov>

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Subject: Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits - update on site activities due to tropical depression Imelda

Gary,

Thank you very much- the update is greatly appreciated.

I'm glad the workers were evacuated and hope they made it safely to their destination.

Are the 2 frac tanks, that were unable to be removed, safely sealed? Was the sample taken from the tanks part of the plan or was it part of the storm response?

Forgive my lack of memory, has the flood gauge been installed?

I am very thankful the drums were removed and that the agency will receive periodic updates. Please keep us posted.

Sincerely,
Jackie

On Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 5:19 PM Baumgarten, Gary <baumgarten.gary@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Here is an update on actions taken at the site as of 4 pm.

The water level in the San Jacinto River has risen somewhat faster than predicted this morning. All contractor personnel working on the site have been safely evacuated. The contractor was able to take the following actions to secure the site:

- All drums containing investigation derived waste were removed from the site and moved to a secure location
- Due to rising water levels at the site, the contractor was only able to remove one (1) of the frac tanks. Two (2) frac tanks remain on site. Each of the frac tanks contains approximately 13,000 gallon of water generated for treatability testing. The water in the tanks was created by mixing potable water with waste from the northern impoundment to simulate water that would be generated during the remedial action. This water will be used to evaluate options to treat water generated during cleanup activities.

The contractor for the PRPs has collected a sample from the tanks and the sample has been sent to a lab.

- The following onsite equipment could not be removed from the site:
 - 2 excavators
 - 1 skid steer
 - On site security camera
 - Office trailer

EPA will receive photo updates from the onsite camera system at approximately 7 am, noon and 5 pm each day and will continue to monitor the situation.

Gary

Sent from my iPad

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CC: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]
Subject: Estimated position of barge in relation to San Jacinto cap
Attachments: Barge_at_SJRW_P_20190920.pdf

Based on GPS coordinates received from the USCG, this is the estimated position of the barge. The yellow line is the areal extent of the cap.

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Do not share broadly as this is still considered draft.

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Subject: Re: Estimated position of barge in relation to San Jacinto cap

That is a reasonable response.

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On Sep 20, 2019, at 6:01 PM, Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. I spoke to Lisa and it sounds like we can now say the barge is on the cap. Perhaps the wording would be, based on GPS coordinates provided by the US Coast Guard, the barge is believed to be on the cap.

On Sep 20, 2019, at 4:59 PM, Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent: 9/21/2019 4:19:28 PM
To: ntinsley@cteh.com
Subject: Barge location/Superfund Site
Attachments: image001.png; ATT00001.htm; San Jacinto Figure.pdf; ATT00002.htm

For consideration in preparation of SAP.

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To: Jackie Young [jyoung@txhea.org]; sjones@galvbay.org
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CC: Todd Thompson [Todd.Thompson@tceq.texas.gov]
Subject: Re: RP Information

Info below.

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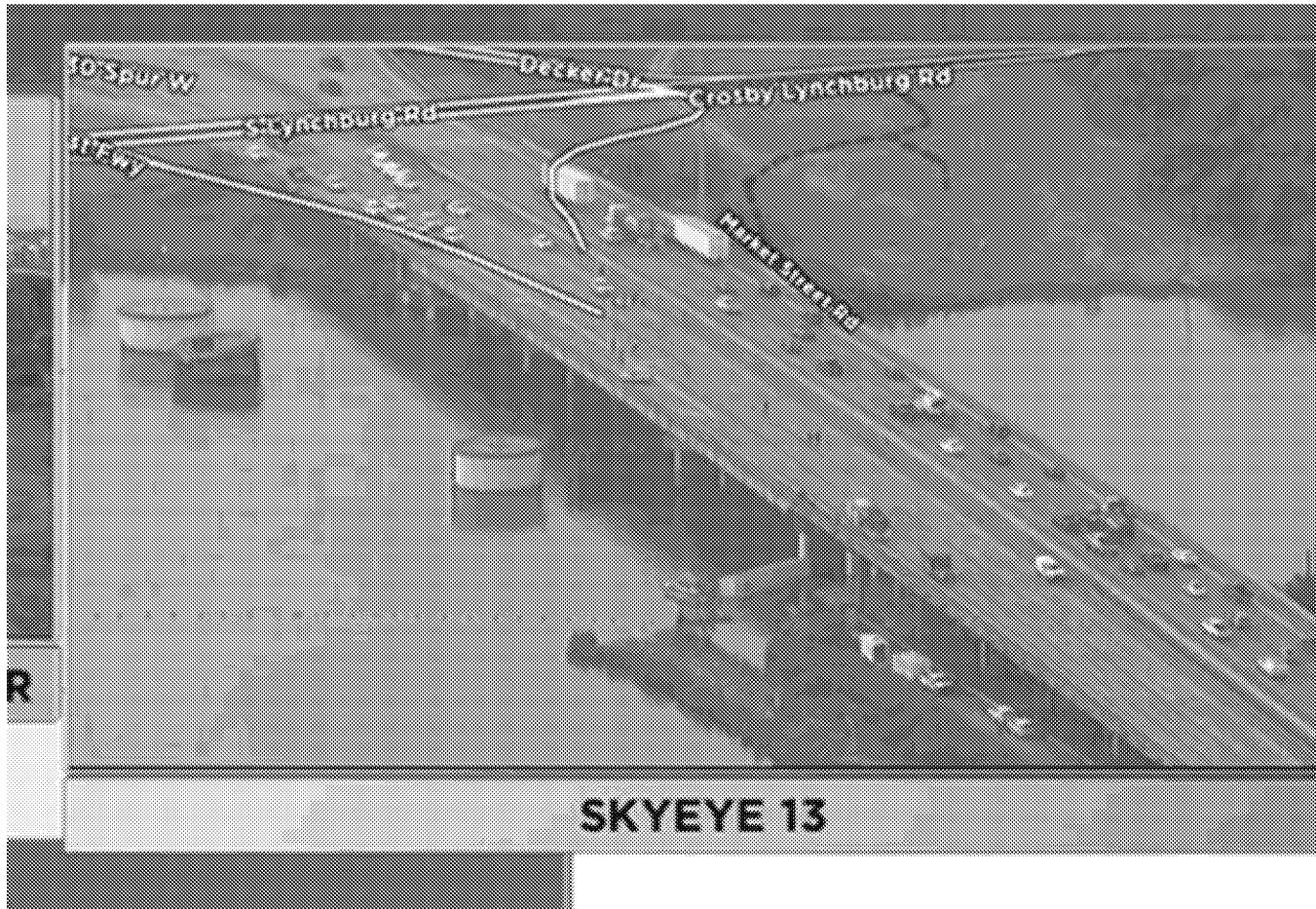
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Is Gary Baumgarten the OSC for this Site?

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HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY ACCOUNT INFORMATION
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Tax Year: 2019



Owner and Property Information										
Owner Name & Mailing Address: MCGINNIS VIRGIL C TR 5837 NORTHDAL ST HOUSTON TX 77087-					Legal Description: TR 4K ABST 330 J T HARRELL Property Address: 0 EAST FWY CHANNELVIEW TX 77530					
State Class Code	Land Use Code	Building Class	Total Units	Land Area	Building Area	Net Rentable Area	Neighborhood	Market Area	Map Facet	Key Map ^{1/2}
D2 -- Real, Unqualified Agricultural Land	8004 -- Land Neighborhood Section 4		0	871,200 SF	0	0	9234.04	250 -- ISD 06 - Channelview ISD	6159C	499C

Value Status Information

Value Status	Notice Date	Shared CAD
Noticed	04/23/2019	No

Exemptions and Jurisdictions

Exemption Type	Districts	Jurisdictions	Exemption Value	ARB Status	2018 Rate	2019 Rate
None	006	CHANNELVIEW ISD		Certified: 08/02/2019	1.396000	
	040	HARRIS COUNTY		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.418580	
	041	HARRIS CO FLOOD CNTRL		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.028770	
	042	PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHY		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.011550	
	043	HARRIS CO HOSP DIST		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.171080	
	044	HARRIS CO EDUC DEPT		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.005190	
	047	SAN JACINTO COM COL D		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.179329	
	667	HC EMERG SERV DIST 50		Certified: 08/02/2019	0.050000	

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Valuations

Value as of January 1, 2018			Value as of January 1, 2019		
	Market	Appraised		Market	Appraised
Land	21,780		Land	21,780	
Improvement	0		Improvement	0	
Total	21,780	21,780	Total	21,780	21,780

Land

Market Value Land												
Line	Description	Site Code	Unit Type	Units	Size Factor	Site Factor	Appr O/R Factor	Appr O/R Reason	Total Adj	Unit Price	Adj Unit Price	Value
1	8004 -- Land Neighborhood Section 4	4545	SF	871,200	1.00	0.10	1.00	Contamination	0.10	0.25	0.03	21,780.00

Building

Vacant (No Building Data)

REGION 6 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOPIC: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, Harris County, Texas

DATE: September 16, 2019

CONTACT: Ken Talton (x-7475)

PURPOSE/ACTION NEEDED: Signature

DEADLINE DATE: September 27, 2019

BACKGROUND:

The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site is situated east of the City of Houston along I-10. The pits were built in the mid-1960s along the west bank of the San Jacinto River and used for disposal of pulp wastes containing dioxins. The site was added to the National Priorities List in March 2008. In November 2009, EPA issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to International Paper Company (IPC) and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC) to conduct a RI/FS. On May 11, 2010, IPC and MIMC entered into an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) to conduct a Time-Critical removal action to install a temporary armor cap over the impoundments which was completed in July 2011. The armor cap has experienced erosion and/or damage events requiring frequent repair. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed on October 11, 2017, that included removal of waste from the impoundments and off-site disposal. The estimated cost for the remedy is \$115 million. On April 9, 2018, EPA, IPC and MIMC entered into an AOC for Remedial Design (RD) to develop the RD in accordance with the statement of work (SOW). Upon issuing the Special Notice letters, IPC and MIMC will have a 60-day period to submit a good faith offer to EPA. If a good faith offer is submitted, an additional 60-day negotiation period will be provided to reach a settlement. The settlement will be embodied in a Consent Decree. When approved by the EPA and U.S. Department of Justice, the Consent Decree will be lodged in federal court.

CURRENT STATUS:

- The EPA and the Companies signed an Order on April 11, 2018, to complete a Remedial Design for the 2017 remedy with an aggressive schedule to complete in 2 ½ years. The current work is approximately 4 months behind schedule. It is EPA's goal for any Remedial Action Consent Decree to be entered before completion of the Remedial Design.
- The EPA works in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Corps of Engineers, Port of Houston, and Harris County to provide technical oversight for the development of the design plans.
- Three additional potentially responsible parties received prior notice letters for this site. One, New Lost River LLP, appears to be a bona fide prospective purchaser of part of the South Impoundment. The other two PRPs, Musgrove Towing and Megasand Enterprises, have submitted financial information to EPA indicating a limited ability to pay for the site remediation, and the EPA intends to prepare settlements for those parties on that basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:

- Continuing need for cap maintenance and the resulting public concerns that a future storm may result in scour or erosion with a release of dioxin and increased risk to human health and the environment.
- Fish consumption advisories are in place for the San Jacinto River due in part from releases from the site.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- The community is concerned about future releases from the site while the remedy is implemented. The community is also very concerned about timely completion of the site remediation.
- The EPA held a community meeting on May 7, 2019 and a Community Advisory Committee on September 11, 2019. The EPA plans to hold the next public information meeting on September 24, 2019, to provide an update on site activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Assessment and Enforcement Branch Chief sign the Remedial Action Special Notice Letters that will be issued to IPC and MIMC.